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1. In late September or early October 1947, [] a conversation between Professor Alex Rosetti, President of the University of Bucharest, and the Rumanian Communist Minister of the Interior. Professor Rosetti is also a Communist; enjoys the confidence of the present Rumanian Government, and is a member of a Rumanian group aiding General Markos' fight in Greece. 25X1X
2. Professor Rosetti, in discussing the Government's purges and regulatory decrees distasteful to the Rumanian people, asked the Minister why the Government does not take some action to gain popular support. [] he asked, "Aren't we unpopular enough?" 25X1X
3. The Minister replied that it doesn't make any difference since the Government can "count on only 2% of the population anyway." The Minister obviously meant that only 2% of the Rumanians supported or were in sympathy with their Communist Government. 25X1X
4. [] believe the Minister was correct and that the percentage has not increased since that time.

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